

Orford, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Grafton
Lebanon NH-VT Micro-NECTA, NH Portion
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Upper Valley/Lake Sunapee
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts
 US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 2
Grafton County Districts 3, 15

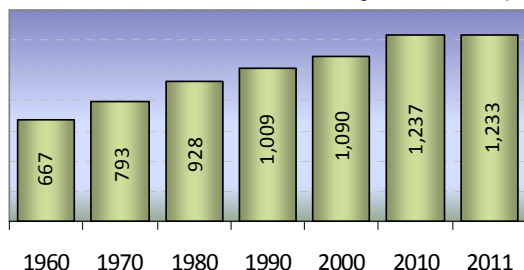
Incorporated: 1761

Origin: This town was chartered in 1761 to Jonathan Moulton and several members of his family. Governor Benning Wentworth gave it the name of Robert Walpole, Earl of Orford, known as the first Prime Minister of England, though that title was not used at the time. One of the town's first settlers, many of who had come from Connecticut, was General Israel Morey. His son Samuel was a prolific inventor who determined a way to separate hydrogen from oxygen in water, using the knowledge to develop the first marine steam engine, testing the first "steamboat" on the river at Orford.

Villages and Place Names: Gilmans Corner, Merriwood Camp, Orfordville, Quintown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 540 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Orford totaled 566 over 51 years, from 667 in 1960 to 1,233 in 2011. The largest decennial percent change was a 19 percent



increase between 1960 and 1970, followed by a 17 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2011 Census estimate for Orford was 1,233 residents, which ranked 174th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 26.5 persons per square mile of land area. Orford contains 46.6 square miles of land area and 1.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2007	\$1,193,572
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Zoning Ordinance	No Board
Master Plan	2001
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Budget
Appointed:	Conservation

Public Library **Orford Free; Orford Social****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Cottage Hospital, Woodsville	20 miles	25
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon	22 miles	381
Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon	27 miles	25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Orford Village District & private wells

Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes
Recycling Program	Voluntary

Telephone Company	Topsham Communications
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited
Cable Television Access	No
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service: Business	No
Residential	No

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2011 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$25.91
2011 Equalization Ratio	106.8
2011 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.87

2011 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	89.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	7.1%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.4%

HOUSING (ACS 2007-2011)

Total Housing Units	642
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	512
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	3
Five or More Units in Structure	35
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	92

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2011	1,233	88,923
2010	1,237	89,118
2000	1,090	81,826
1990	1,009	74,998
1980	928	65,806
1970	793	54,914

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2007-2011

Population by Gender

Male	671	Female	661
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Population by Age Group

Under age 5	89
Age 5 to 19	255
Age 20 to 34	188
Age 35 to 54	379
Age 55 to 64	168
Age 65 and over	253
Median Age	40.7 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	95.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	42.2%

INCOME, 2011 INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2007-2011)

Per capita income	\$32,707
Median 4-person family income	\$89,286
Median household income	\$73,875

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$42,157
Female	\$42,361

Families below the poverty level	4.7%
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LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average	2001	2011
Civilian labor force	666	805
Employed	653	775
Unemployed	13	30
Unemployment rate	2.0%	3.7%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2001	2011
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	95	35
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 597	\$ 629
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	65	89
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 581	\$ 631
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	159	124
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 590	\$ 630
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	55	102
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 384	\$ 644
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	214	226
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 537	\$ 636

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE*(NH Dept. of Education)*

Schools students attend:	Grades K-12 are part of Rivendell Interstate (Orford NH; Fairlee VT, West Fairlee VT, Vershire VT)			District: SAU 78
Career Technology Center(s):	River Bend Career and Technical Center, Bradford VT			Region: 4
Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools			1	
Grade Levels			7-12	
Total Enrollment			233	

2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (*DHHS – Bureau of Child Care Licensing*): Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **9**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **River Valley; Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Dartmouth; Lebanon; Plymouth State University**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Paragon Construction	Construction	120	2000
Rivendell Interstate School	Education		

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	10, 25A
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-91 (VT), Exit 15	
	Distance	3 mile
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Dean Memorial, Haverhill	Runway	2,500 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	25 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		86 miles
Portland, Maine		127 miles
Boston, Mass.		137 miles
New York City, NY		290 miles
Montreal, Quebec		189 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2007-2011*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	71.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	23.7%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.3%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	3.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	28.7 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2007-2011

Working in community of residence	81.4%
Commuting to another NH community	3.3%
Commuting out-of-state	15.3%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Dartmouth Skiway**

Other: **Rivendell Trail**